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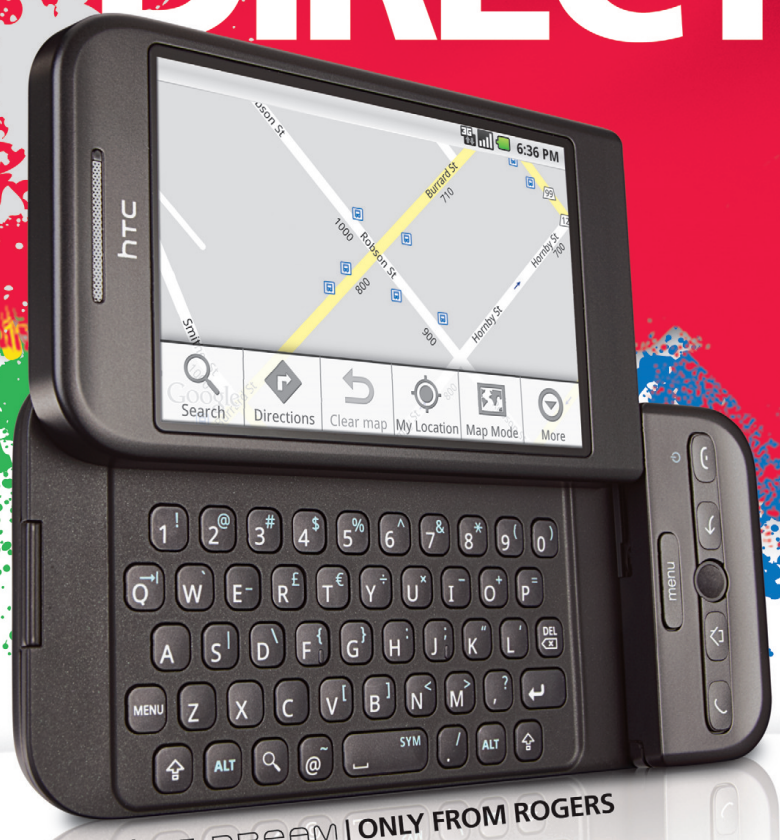

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Calgary named 6th easiest place to live on Earth

RANKINGS According to a recent survey, Calgary is the sixth easiest city in the world in which to live.

Three Canadian cities were in the top 10 of the Economist Intelligence Unit global liveability survey. Vancouver topped the poll, scoring 98 per cent, while Toronto moved up to fourth place from last year's sixth.

The poll takes into account health care, stability, culture, environment, education and infrastructure. At the bottom of the poll was the city of Harare, which is the capital of Zimbabwe. **METRO CALGARY**

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New Moon

All this week, Metro Canada is giving you a look behind the scenes of New Moon, the newest film in the TWILIGHT series.

TODAY — An interview with actor Taylor Lautner, pg 17

WEDNESDAY — An interview with director Chris Weitz

THURSDAY — An interview with actress Kristen Stewart

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Oh... Suzanna

ROBIN MINSKY / FOR METRO CALGARY

Prince Edward hands over a yellow Labrador retriever named Suzanna to RCMP Commissioner William Elliott during a ceremony at Fort Calgary yesterday. Suzanna is going to be trained to sniff out explosives. Story, pg 3

Politicians are hitting the Tweets

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Like teen girls to the Beatles, local politicians are flocking to social media sites like Twitter, but are they engaging voters or pushing an agenda?

Local bloggers have been abuzz with talk about recent politician followers and wondering about the motive behind it.

While social media isn't particularly new, it is fresh to some politicians who have started using the sites while they campaign for various positions, including Danielle Smith, who is running for leader of the Wildrose Alliance Party.

"I think it's a perfect way to get information out to my supporters and I think it also gives people insight," Smith said of her recent Twitter and Facebook accounts.

While some critics say a fine line exists between engaging supporters and pushing agendas, Smith believes she is using the popular Internet sites properly.

"I have a section where people can write comments and what they think in real time, so I will have to take the good with the bad," she added.

George Dadamo, set to launch his 2010 bid for mayor of Calgary, is also a relative newbie to social media, and while he was unavailable for comment, his spokesperson Riley McKenzie said the campaign is reaching out to younger generations.

"I think we've found a way to utilize new mediums and to maximize the messages we want to get out," McKenzie said.

Mount Royal political scientist Duane Bratt believes in some cases politicians aren't using social media sites properly. For example, he said, Liberal Leader David Swann accidentally posted about Calgary's Lilac Festival a week before it happened.

"I think it shows that they aren't taking it seriously, and in some cases, you don't know who is even updating it for them."

Arrest made in New Year's Day triple homicide

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A man has been arrested in relation to a triple homicide on New Year's Day which saw an innocent man gunned down in broad daylight.

According to police, the man was arrested without incident in the city's northwest and while formal charges weren't laid as of last night, they expected to lay three first-degree murder charges.

"The person arrested was known to our gang unit ... but hasn't been labelled a gang member through the courts," police spokesman Kevin Brookwell said.

The public was outraged by the murders. Innocent bystander Keni Su'a was killed as part of an ongoing gang feud in an apparent targeted attack on two others known to the gang unit.

"I think it's an indignity that an innocent person who was minding his own business enjoying lunch, was shot. Certainly, if there was any question to public outrage, it would be the additional assault that occurred," Brookwell said.

Crime Stoppers

- Brookwell credited a Crime Stoppers re-enactment a month ago with generating more public awareness.

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Arrest lands man in psychiatric assessment
A man arrested in Calgary on June 1 after escaping from hospital in Edmonton and then allegedly robbing two clerks at gunpoint has been ordered by provincial court to undergo a 30-day psychiatric assessment. The assessment is to determine if Richard David Barker, 28, is fit to stand trial. METRO CALGARY

Local

Going country crazy

Country superstar Alan Jackson, with special guest George Canyon, will head north of town for a concert at the Enmax Centrium in Red Deer on Nov. 20. Tickets for the show go on sale Friday for $79.50 at all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at 403-340-4455.
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Alberta in brief

BIKE WRECK Two men between 40 and 50 were taken to hospital after colliding on the bike path near the Calgary Zoo and St. George Island around 4:40 a.m. Monday. Police said neither rider was wearing a helmet or had a light on their bike.

POSTHUMOUS Doc Seaman will be awarded the Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement award (posthumous) as the City of Calgary recognizes 17 award winners for the 2008 Calgary Awards, which honours Calgarians and their community contributions.

SCHOOL Education Minister Dave Hancock unveiled a proposed new framework for special education in the province yesterday. More than 6,000 Albertans were engaged in the consultation process, the province said.

AMBULANCE CHASE A 29-year-old St. Albert man was taken into custody after allegedly leading RCMP and Edmonton police on a wild goose chase after police said the suspect stole an Edmonton ambulance. No one was injured.

SOUR GAS TAQA North Ltd. reported the release of hydrogen sulfide from a well 500 metres east of Highway 2 and 500m south of Hwy 72 near Crossfield while performing routine maintenance yesterday.

DERMATOLOGY Those worried about spots or moles on their skin can attend a free public skin cancer screening June 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 pm at the Killarney Aquatic & Recreation Centre. METRO CALGARY

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City cops net $8M in cocaine

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

A year-long investigation netted Calgary cops over a dozen arrests and a record total amount of narcotics, they said yesterday.

Calgary police have charged 14 people and seized an estimated street value of $8 million in cocaine, four handguns, a rifle and $330,000 in cash during Operation High Noon, which targeted drug trafficking by an alleged organized crime group.

The investigation focused on large amounts of cocaine being transported across the B.C.-Alberta border and is the largest total cocaine seizure in Alberta's history, police said.

"It illustrates the high volume of cocaine that passes through our city," said Staff Sgt. Darren Cave of the Calgary Police Service.

In January 2008, the Calgary police seized 67 kg of cocaine in two separate raids on a northwest Calgary home. This led the Calgary police, along with other policing agencies in B.C. and Alberta, to investigate others alleged to be involved, said Cave.

AMY GREGSON/FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgary police Staff Sgt. Darren Cave shows off the seized drugs and weapons that came as a result of Operation High Noon — an ongoing police investigation into an alleged organized crime group.

"These individuals were alleged to have used a number of vehicles with hidden compartments to transport drugs between the provinces," said Cave.

Cave said police stopped these vehicles during transport and seized another 13 kg of cocaine. Search warrants executed later resulted in the seizure of packaging for 20 more kilos of coke.

Of the 14 people arrested, 13 were from Calgary and one was from Surrey, B.C.

Alberta ranks tops among biggest givers: StatsCan

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

MONEY Alberta doesn't skimp when it comes to donating money to charities according to some 2007 statistics.

Statistics Canada figures showed that Albertans gave an average of $596 to charities in 2007 — the highest in Canada.

Local charities have noticed that Albertans do dig deep when it comes to helping out.

"Calgary is one of the highest per capita gifts in Canada for the United Way," said Heather MacDonald, vice-president of United Way of Calgary and area.

"In 2008 (donations) went down slightly, people were really hit by the market in October and November."

Fewer donors giving more is a trend the United Way sees across North America, said MacDonald.

"I think the reason behind that is because lower and middle income Canadians have a higher debt level, and more and more people just don't see their way to being contributors to non-profits or charities because of their own personal situations," said MacDonald.

However MacDonald still notices the fact that Calgarians will give a lot when they do give.

"Our average gift I would say is even high for North America," said MacDonald.

Highest Donations
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Prince gives pup to RCMP squad

QUEEN The newest member of the RCMP canine unit was given the royal treatment yesterday when Prince Edward gave the future explosives detector as a gift to the force on behalf of the Queen.

Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, presented the force with Suzanna, a 16-month-old yellow Labrador retriever, during the RCMP awards ceremony at Fort Calgary.

"We hope you'll enjoy Suzanna and hope she fits in and becomes a mascot and becomes recognized," Prince Edward said, adding the gift was part of a long-standing tradition with the RCMP.

Dog trainer Cpl. Alex Mann said Suzanna is an energetic dog with drive and should finish eight weeks of training in anticipation of becoming an explosives detector for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. "She is going to get the same treatment as every one of our dogs get," Mann said. KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

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What's online today.

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Train collision under investigation

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A woman was killed in a collision with a freight train yesterday near Conrich, 17 kilometres east of Calgary, said RCMP Staff Sgt. Patrick Webb. METRO CALGARY

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Maryam Hassanvand, 26, the current Miss Calgary International, is surrounded by teddy bears that will be donated to children in war-torn Uganda through the Teddy Bears of Hope.

Hope: A bear at a time

100,000 teddys sought for children in Uganda

Miss Calgary International is on a mission: Scour the city searching for bears ... of the fuzzy variety.

Maryam Hassanvand, Calgary's newest Miss Canada International delegate, is collecting teddy bears from around the city to donate to children in war-torn Uganda.

"This year our goal is to send 100,000 teddy bears to Uganda where violence has become common place," said Hassanvand.

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Hassanvand is working in co-operation with all the delegates of Miss Canada International who are collecting the teddy bears for Teddy Bears of Hope.

Hassanvand has been going to local malls, businesses, Sobeys locations and schools in an effort to collect the 100,000 stuffed toys.

Hassanvand has until July 7 to collect the bears. To donate, you can reach her at gmhassan@ucalgary.ca

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Man finds grenade in garage

A Charlottetown man found a suspected Second World War-era grenade in his garage, CBC News Online reports. The unidentified man dropped off the grenade at a police station yesterday morning. The man found it in a rusty container while cleaning out his garage. Police say they believe the device is live. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Blast kills Canadian soldier

A Canadian soldier was killed by a bomb blast while on foot patrol in southern Afghanistan yesterday, military officials said. He was the 119th member of Canada's armed forces to die in Afghanistan. Officials named the dead man as 20-year-old Private Alexandre Pelo-quin, left. Canada has about 2,700 soldiers based in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011. REUTERS

Tens of millions lost in mint's precious metals

MISSING A mint's missing stock of precious metals is worth tens of millions of dollars.

While officials at the Royal Canadian Mint have not publicly released a value, insiders have confirmed that auditors are trying to track precious metals, believed to be gold, worth millions and in the "double-digits."

That amount of missing gold would weigh in at more than 400 kilograms. An audit, launched in early March, is trying to reconcile the mint's records.

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Canada spending more: Flaherty

MP says recovery may be on way

Global economic recovery may be on its way, and certainly in Canada people are loosening their purse strings again, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday.

He also said the federal government's budget deficit now looks to be "slightly more" than $50 billion this fiscal year, but most of it is one-time spending, such as stimulus initiatives and aid for the automotive industry, and not a structural shortfall.

Flaherty's remarks on an economic recovery echoed those of others who are seeing "green shoots," and he spoke of improvements in financial markets.

"The global recession began in financial markets. These positive signs in financial markets give us cause for cautious optimism that a global economic recovery may not be far behind," he told reporters.

In Canada, Flaherty said he saw increases in demand for new housing. "I think people are responding to the fact that mortgage rates are low," he said. REUTERS

Housing starts up

- As an indication of housing demand, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp said yesterday that housing starts had risen 9.2 per cent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 128,400 units, and should grow this year and in 2010.

Vancouver **Baby beluga**

SARAH KIRBY YUNG/VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

Aurora and her newborn beluga calf swim with Aurora's daughter Qila and her daughter Tiqa at the Vancouver Aquarium yesterday. The baby was born Sunday and is in good health.

Isotope crisis 'sexy': Tory MP

POLITICS Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt calls the medical isotope crisis "sexy," looks forward to getting credit for fixing it, and expresses doubts about the skill of Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq in a recording.

Raitt made the comments to her then-aide, Jasmine MacDonnell, who appears to have inadvertently recorded the conversation, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald reported.

In the recording, Raitt and MacDonnell discuss their efforts to get Aglukkaq to contribute a quote to a news release on the isotope crisis. "When we win on this, we get all the credit. I'm ready to roll the dice on this," Raitt says in a recording.

The recording was made not long after a leak at the Chalk River, Ont., nuclear reactor, the newspaper reported.

In another excerpt, MacDonnell says the isotope issue is hard to control, "because it's confusing to a lot of people."

"But it's sexy," says Raitt. "Radioactive leaks. Cancer."

"Nuclear contamination," says MacDonnell.

"But it's only about money," says Raitt.

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Alaska reports five flu cases from liner

Five crew members on a Holland America cruise ship have been diagnosed with influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, said the Alaska Division of Public Health. REUTERS

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World

N. Korea jails journalists

North Korea yesterday raised the stakes in its confrontation with Washington by sentencing two American journalists to 12 years hard labour for "grave crimes" while U.S. President Barack Obama's spokesman said the two were innocent and should be freed.

Obama is due to meet with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak at the White House on June 16 to discuss a number of issues, expected to include growing threats by North Korea which tested a nuclear bomb in May.

The journalists, Euna Lee and Laura Ling, of Current TV, were arrested in March working on a story near the border between North Korea and China. The trial for the two, working for the company co-founded by former U.S. vice-president Al Gore, had opened Thursday.

Euna Lee, left, and Laura Ling were arrested March 18 on the China-North Korea border.

"The trial confirmed the grave crime they committed against the Korean nation and their illegal border crossing as they had already been indicted and sentenced each of them to 12 years of reform through labour," the official KCNA news agency said in a brief dispatch.

In Washington, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the journalists' fate should not be linked to the dispute over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

The White House said in a statement Obama was "deeply concerned" and added: "We are engaged through all possible channels to secure their release." REUTERS

Iran **Tying on support for Mousavi**

MORTEZA NIKOUBAZ/REUTERS

Supporters of former Iranian prime minister and presidential candidate Mirhossein Mousavi wear green ribbons, the symbolic colour of his campaign, as they prepare to participate in a human chain in Tehran yesterday.

News in brief

IRAQ A bomb in a bus killed seven people and wounded 24 others at a bus terminal in southern Baghdad yesterday, police said.

POLITICS British Prime Minister Gordon Brown survived a challenge to his authority yesterday, winning over Labour members of parliament after admitting mistakes and taking responsibility for a week of political turmoil. Most Labour members threw their weight behind him ahead of a general election due within a year.

THAILAND Gunmen killed 10 and wounded 12 more when they opened fire at a mosque in Thailand's south yesterday. An insurgency has been rumbling in the region bordering Malaysia since 2004. REUTERS

U.S. pushes for Mideast talks

MIDDLE EAST The U.S. said yesterday it would make a new push for Israeli-Palestinian talks and envoy George Mitchell, en route to the region, hoped to lay the groundwork.

"The president has told me to exert all efforts to create the circumstance when the parties can begin immediate discussions," Mitchell told reporters, referring to renewed negotiations that U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged to pursue.

Mitchell was to meet Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas tomorrow.

Netanyahu is at odds with Obama over the president's demand to halt Israeli settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank and has not endorsed the creation of a Palestinian state, a cornerstone of U.S. Middle East policy. REUTERS

Gun battle

- Israeli soldiers yesterday killed three Palestinian militants who had planned to blast open Israel's fenced border with the Hamas-run Gaza Strip. A gun battle erupted when gunmen, under cover of early morning fog, fired at an Israeli patrol near the Karni crossing on the Israeli side of the border, the Israeli military said.

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Timing may be right for Liberals

NationalReport

The doomsayers were wrong again. There's no great depression, as some were forecasting last fall. And the recession, while serious enough, will not be one of dire magnitude. Experts are now suggesting we're already past the worst of it.

Unemployment has reached an 11-year high of 8.4 per cent. Compared to the years from the late 1970s into the 1990s when double-digit joblessness was the norm, it's hardly earth-shattering.

The relatively good news changes the political equation. A summer election has suddenly become a better bet. The Liberals are divided on the prospect, but the latest economic outlook gives the party's election hawks more ammunition. The Grits' chances of winning an election today are good. Tomorrow, who knows. The economy was supposed to be the Conservatives' death trap. Given time, it could turn into their lifeline.

The Grits won 26 per cent of the vote the last election. They're about 10 points higher in most polls now and hold a narrow lead over the Tories. Pollster Frank Graves said in an interview if he were Liberal leader, he'd push for an election right now. "With a decent campaign, they'll likely win."

Given the changing economic tides, the Conservatives no longer fear an immediate election. It's even possible the Liberals won't need the support of the other opposition parties to force a campaign. If they signal their wish for one, Prime Minister Stephen Harper might well say, "OK, let's go."

Whether it's now or later, it's a good bet Harper will lead his troops into a fourth campaign. That prospect would have been unlikely had the economic plunge been as deep as originally expected. The new tidings mean Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, he of the bone-headed economic updates and wonky deficit forecasts, will likely stay in place as well.

Many were hoping the PM would turn to the steady Jim Prentice to take over finance. It would have positioned him as the Harper heir apparent. But Flaherty is safe and Prentice will be left holding the bag in the environment portfolio where the government's foot-dragging on a carbon emissions regime has become embarrassing.

For the prime minister to move Flaherty now would be an admission of failed economic management. That's the case the Liberals have been trying to make. It will become harder as time moves on.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.

Views

Time to boost Canadian literacy rates

Wendy Cukier

It's hard to talk about the skills shortage at a time when people are losing their jobs. But the evidence is clear, in spite of the economic downturn, that the combination of our aging population and reduced fertility rates means Canada is facing an acute skills shortages.

Investing in education, at all levels, remains fundamental to our future economic prosperity. Attention has been focused on the fact that Canada ranks lower than other countries at the highest levels of skills attainment, producing fewer PhDs and graduates in sciences, business and engineering. However, the strongest determinant of our prosperity as a nation is rates of literacy.

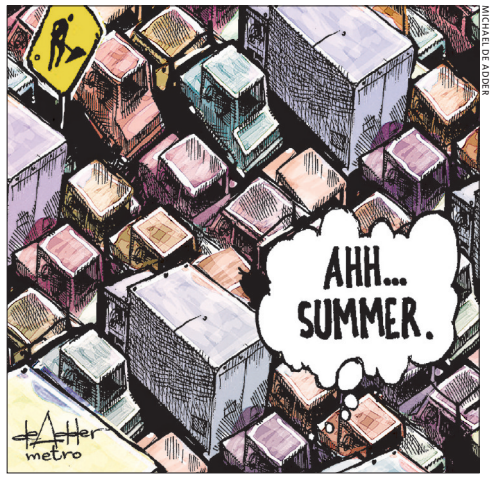
Just more than a year ago, a report, Literacy Matters, by TD Financial Group estimated the Canadian economy could enjoy a $32-billion boost if literacy rates were improved by only one per cent.

Statistics Canada reports that more than seven million Canadian adults can barely read and comprehend simple printed materials, and more than 25 per cent of Canadian high school graduates lack the literacy skills needed for entry level jobs.

The costs of investing in education are dwarfed by the costs of illiteracy.

As Literacy Matters: A Call For Action notes: "It is hard to identify any other single issue that can have such a large payoff to individuals, the economy and society than literacy."

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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GM to halt medium-duty truck production
General Motors Corp. said yesterday it would cease production of Chevrolet Kodiak and GMC Topkick medium-duty trucks by July 31 after attempts to sell the operation failed. The automaker sold about 20,000 of the vehicles last year. REUTERS

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Attendees show off their Apple devices at Apple Inc.'s Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco, Calif., yesterday.

Apple halves iPhone price

TECH Apple Inc. halved the price of its entry-level iPhone to $99 US yesterday, kicking off a closely watched annual conference in San Francisco.

The company also unveiled the next-generation iPhone 3GS, which takes videos and has voice features. It goes on sale in select countries on June 19 for $199 to $299.

Among other announcements, Apple showed off a new 15-inch notebook with improved battery life, a $300-cheaper Mac Air — its thinnest laptop — and, as expected, its highly previewed "Snow Leopard" Mac operating system software.

Apple's new MacBook Air notebook now starts at $1,499. The company also unveiled a new 13-inch MacBook Pro starting at $1,199, and a 15-inch laptop with longer battery life, addressing a perennial consumer concern.

Chief executive Steve Jobs did not make an appearance despite speculation he would. REUTERS

Airlines fear oil rally

Body predicts industry will lose $9B in 2009

Global airlines called for concerted action to prevent another runaway surge in oil prices as the International Air Transport Association nearly doubled its forecast for industry losses to $9 billion US in 2009.

The head of the Geneva-based airline lobby yesterday lambasted "greedy speculation" in oil markets and accused governments of squandering money raised from aviation while carriers suffer from still slumping demand.

"I am a realist. I don't see facts to support optimism," IATA director general Giovanni Bisignani told the aviation body's annual meeting in Malaysia.

However, John Leahy, commercial director at European aircraft manufacturer Airbus, said that while 2009 would be tough, plans by United Airlines to order as many as 150 new planes from Airbus or rival Boeing Co. showed the market was starting to turn around.

"Cancellations are not as much of an issue as deferrals. I don't think we'll have that many more cancellations," Leahy said.

IATA, the voice of more than 200 airlines, has repeatedly warned of a grim year for carriers as global recession shrinks passenger demand and weak financing drives down cargo trade.

Conditions have worsened after the outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, caused a worldwide health scare and as oil prices — until recently a sole bright spot on the horizon after peaking near $150 a barrel last year — climb again.

Prices for jet fuel in Singapore have jumped almost 60 per cent since bottoming out at $46 a barrel in March. REUTERS

Loads lower

- Air Canada reported yesterday a load factor of 81 per cent for last month, down from 84.3 per cent in May 2008.
- Jazz Air, Air Canada's regional affiliate, reported a load factor of 65.6 per cent in May, a drop of 6.8 points year-over-year.

Business in brief

AVIATION Air Canada parent ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. could inject as much as $200 million into the country's largest airline to help it avert a cash crunch, according to a source familiar with the situation. Battered by falling ticket sales amid a weak economy, Air Canada is struggling to avoid being dragged into its second bankruptcy protection filing in less than six years.

JOBS The U.S. job market strengthened in May for the first time in 16 months, indicating that while job-loss figures remain deep in the woods, a slow recovery is in sight, a research group said. The Conference Board said its Employment Trends Index ticked up to 89.9 in May from an upwardly revised 89.7 in April, originally reported at 89.5. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Housing starts recover in May

HOMES Canadian housing construction bounced back in May after dropping to a 13-year low in April, according to figures released by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation yesterday.

Seasonally adjusted housing starts hit 128,400 in May, up from 117,600 in the prior month.

"After plunging precipitously ... this rebound may be an indication that the sector is perhaps stabilizing," said TD Securities analyst Millan Mulraine.

Activity is expected to pick up slightly in the second half of the year as "tighter resale markets in recent months, improving credit conditions and a backlog of sales awaiting construction are all factors that will boots activity," said the CMHC's regional economist Ted Tsiakopoulos. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"This rebound may be an indication that the sector is perhaps stabilizing." Millan Mulraine, analyst

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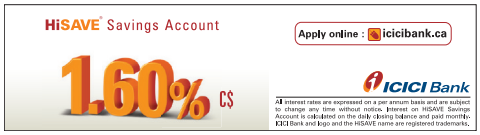

Closed wallet, open mind

Use your imagination for cheap or free thrills this summer

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Hey! What happened to deflation? It was the scary economic spectre raised as the world slipped over the brink of recession last year.

With deflation, prices and wages fall — what a concept. We've had the latter but not much of the former.

Movie tickets are as high as ever — don't get me started on popcorn. Concerts and plays too. And I haven't noticed many golf courses offering discounts.

So if girls or guys just want to have fun, can you do it without running up the tab? Absolutely. In summer, antique shows and flea markets are a blast. Even kids love to wander through the ancient stuff Mum and Dad used to play with or wear. Take a picnic and you have a great day trip. Big malls often offer an antiquing week with parking and admission free.

Farmer's markets are a lovely way to spend a weekend morning. You have to buy vegetables anyway, why not add value to the experience and support a local farmer at the same time?

The best people watching is in Venice Beach, Calif., but every city has at least one good spot to exercise your eyeballs. From waterfront parks to trendy shopping streets, you'll find the biggest reality show in the world.

Try an entire summer without renting a DVD. Yes, you can do it! Instead, get them free from the library. You'll uncover some gems like the BBC's witty and completely un-hip Monarch of the Glen series.

And if you want completely something off the wall, hit the local airport with folks from an Airport Watch group. Many cities have such members that park themselves with binoculars and lawn chairs in landing and take-off flight paths. It's a completely different and visceral thrill.

Send me your free or cheap entertainment tips and we'll get an online list started.

Remember Wayne's World? Want a genuinely visceral (and free) thrill? Get in touch with an Airport Watch group and park yourself in a lawn chair near take-off and landing flight paths.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Once you stop associating value with cost you will realize some of the best things in life really are free — or close to it.

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Household debt hits all-time high

SURVEY A new report by the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada) reveals that household debt has reached an all-time high of $1.3 trillion in 2008, yet Canadians perceive their financial condition to be better than it is. According to the report, Canadian families are financing consumption activity with unearned money as they increasingly reach for credit to finance day-to-day living expenses.

The report, Where Has the Money Gone: The State of Canadian Household Debt in a Stumbling Economy, is based on a consumer survey conducted in November 2008.

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Beware: Liability insurance may fall short outside of Canada

A 2008 RBC Insurance/Ipsos Reid survey showed that only 38 per cent of Canadians checked the impact of their coverage with their auto insurance provider when they drove to the United States.

According to Statistics Canada, same-day car travel to the U.S. increased six per cent over the past six months, up to 1.7 million trips. Whether you're cross-border shopping or on a short business trip, you may not be aware of the serious financial risks associated with driving to the U.S. without adequate auto insurance.

If you have a car accident in the U.S. in which you're at fault and injure several people, your liability insurance coverage could be used up quickly, even if you had $1 million in coverage. Liability insurance covers you when you are liable for causing personal injury or property damage and a claim is made against you.

In many U.S. jurisdictions, the ability to sue is not restricted to serious injuries and liability settlements can be extremely high.

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Favre told to make up his mind

The Minnesota Vikings reportedly have told Brett Favre to decide this week if he wants to play this year. ESPN says coach Brad Childress imposed the deadline on the star quarterback. The network cited two unidentified sources yesterday on its website. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Nadal's knees tested

Rafael Nadal, left, is having his knees checked by doctors and an announcement on his status for Wimbledon is expected in the coming days. Nadal's website says the reigning Wimbledon champion is undergoing medical tests yesterday and today. Nadal withdrew from this week's Wimbledon tuneup citing knee trouble. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

GOLF John Daly makes his return to the PGA Tour from his six-month suspension this week. His return to the U.S. Open will have to wait. Daly managed only four birdies over 36 holes in a U.S. Open qualifier yesterday and didn't come close to qualifying.

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays first baseman Lyle Overbay has been named the American League Player of the Week. In six games last week, Overbay led the majors with a .533 batting average, .632 on-base percentage and 1.200 slugging percentage.

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Quinn ready for NHL return

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Canada

After a seven-year stint as head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Pat Quinn thought about retirement.

"I wasn't that anxious about getting back in," said Quinn of his mindset after being fired by the Leafs following a disappointing 2006 season when Toronto missed the playoffs.

Quinn, who averaged 43 wins a season during his Toronto tenure, took some time to assess his future and found himself itching to get behind the bench less than a year after being let go.

"By February I figured, geez, I miss this," said Quinn, who was recently hired as head coach of the Edmonton Oilers. "I wasn't ready for retirement. I started to let it be known that if anybody might be interested in a good coach that I'd be willing to talk to them."

Quinn went on to coach Canada to gold medals at the 2008 World Under-18 Hockey Championships in Kazan, Russia and the 2009 World Junior Hockey Championships in Ottawa.

"He's one of those coaches that just sort of stands out," said L.A. Kings prospect Thomas Hickey, Team Canada's captain in Ottawa. "He's a very high pedigree and he's very well respected so it was neat to be one of his players."

With assistance from associate coach Tom Renney, Quinn is now looking forward to getting the most out of Edmonton's young talent.

"We're going to spend our next two months, three months deciding on a system of play that can help our guys be the best they can be," said the 66-year-old veteran bench boss, who won the Jack Adams Award as the NHL's top coach in both 1980 with the Philadelphia Flyers and in 1992 with the Vancouver Canucks. "We'll find that. We'll work together and we'll see what we can do and we'll give them the best we can to have some good results at the end of the day."

JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES

After realizing he wasn't ready for retirement, Pat Quinn made it known he was ready to coach at a high level again. Now the man with a career coaching record of 657-481-154-26 in the NHL will try to turn around the Edmonton Oilers.

To keep up to date with what's new in Calgary sports, check out Laurence Heinen's new blog at: **metronews.ca/blogs**

No place like home for the Mighty Oz

Stanley Cup
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NHL Detroit Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood is appreciated by his team and fans, but for a guy who has won three Stanley Cups and is a win away from a fourth he commands surprisingly little respect elsewhere.

But for the Mighty Oz there is no place like home.

"I get respect in Detroit, that means the most to me," Osgood told reporters yesterday. "Playing in front of my fans there. They've been great to me for 15 years now.

"So that's what means the most to me is the people in Michigan and Detroit.

"I feel like that's my home. So that's more or less all I really pay attention to."

Playing on great Red Wings teams that have won the Cup four times in 12 seasons, Osgood's contributions have often been taken for granted but this post-season his work has not gone unnoticed.

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Learning Curve

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Skills, success rate linked

More people turning to professional development to get ahead in corporate world

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As business continues to move faster, more people and companies are investing in professional development training to ensure critical skills keep pace with the speed of change.

Professional development, sometimes considered the sole domain of higher-ups and big-wigs in corner offices, is becoming increasingly relevant — and crucial — in a business environment where more young people are being promoted to supervisory positions than ever before and specialized skills take centre stage in the working world.

Examples of professional development include mentorship and apprenticeship programs, leadership training and learning or improving work-related skills that can take your skills to the next level or help you excel in a new, challenging position.

Examples of professional development include leadership training.

Barbara Dickson, director of custom programs for executive development at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., says people are realizing that increased success in the workplace is not only a result of working harder, but working better as well.

"There's a direct correlation between personal improvement and results — there are functional things you can teach to boost skills," she said.

Dickson says more people are taking professional development studies proactively to make themselves more marketable to potential employers in a measurable way and to show they excel in a wide range of skills, since multi-tasking is key in today's business climate.

"Traditional hierarchies are no longer effective in achieving results — businesses need collaboration to succeed," Dickson said.

Gord Vaxvick, a continuing education consultant at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), says that professional development courses focusing on supervisory training are in particularly high demand.

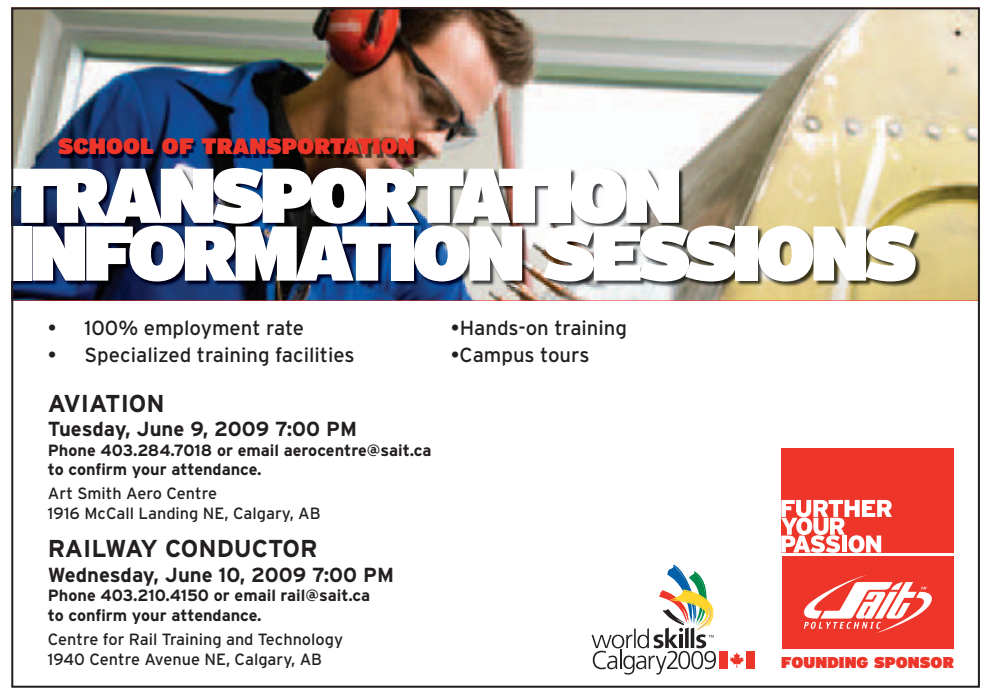
Changing business and social climates have made proper management training even more crucial, he says, because today's employees demand a more constructive style of management that is less about commanding people and more about motivating them to excel.

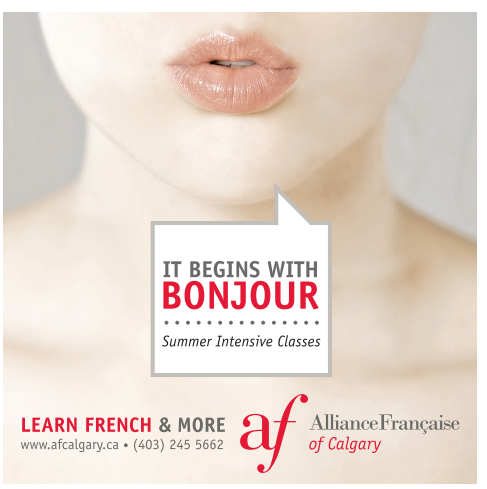
"I think that employees' expectations have changed as well — supervision is no longer just about barking orders and being obeyed, it's a matter of using interpersonal skills to influence employees to do what is best for the company," he said.

In trade and business fields, Vaxvick is seeing a sharp increase in the level of responsibilities young people are being tasked with taking on, resulting in a need for management training.

"Most people are promoted to a supervisory position because they have strong technical skills — it's assumed they have strong interpersonal skills as well. That's why coaching and mentoring is increasingly important," Vaxvick said.

"There's a direct correlation between personal improvement and results — there are functional things you can teach to boost skills." Barbara Dickson





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Ecotourism program a hit

JOEL MESSNER
for Metro Calgary

Mountain climbing, backpacking and biking might sound like an adventurous weekend but at Mount Royal College it is all part of an applied bachelor's degree.

Mount Royal College's ecotourism and outdoor leadership program offers these fun courses along with serious courses to get students ready for a career.

"(This course) is also based on a fairly solid academic background, such as things like environmental studies as well as outdoor activities," said Allan Derbyshire, the program's coordinator. "We even have business thrown in there these days."

"When I came into the program," says Lori Gray, a graduate of the program, "I had little experience in the outdoors, aside from general camping, but quite honestly this course changed my life.

"It completely turned my life around," said Gray. "Every aspect of the program allows for new passions to be awakened and you get a new appreciation for life and the outdoors."

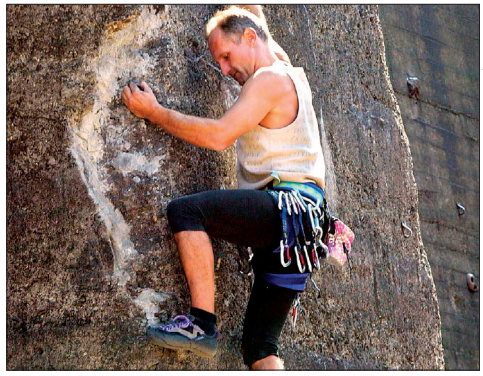
According to Derbyshire, the course is very popular among prospective Mount Royal students as they usually receive 150 applicants each year for the 30 spaces available.

"This course changed my life. It completely turned my life around."
Lori Gray

There's a wide range of careers this degree can launch students into, such as involvement in provincial and national park activities, environmental studies, small business, guiding, and teaching, said Derbyshire.

"(What makes it special) is a lot of it has to do with experiential education, so they're learning by experience," he said. "Also, the adventure component is thrown in there too. Lots of our courses involve pretty exciting activities. We have not only basic courses in things like rock climbing and kayaking and mountaineering and that kind of thing, but we also have some expeditions that go on for 10 or 12 days to some pretty exciting places."

The ecotourism and outdoor leadership class just came back from a trip to British Columbia, where the students had the opportunity to try out sea kayaking and rock climbing, said Derbyshire.



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Mount Royal's ecotourism and outdoor leadership program offers courses that include rock climbing and kayaking.

Derbyshire said another big attraction is the programs field schools that go to places such as Baffin Island, Belize and Peru.

"At the convocation on Monday, the valedictorian for the whole school was from our program," said Derbyshire. "I think that is a good way to show what goes on in our program.

Bow Valley private investigator program debunks myths

AMY GREGSON
for Metro Calgary

Trevor spends his days sitting outside people's houses, following them through rush-hour traffic or trailing them in malls.

Trevor is not a stalker. He's a private investigator who has realized that, in the past two years, the reality of what he actually does and the perception people have is quite different.

"When I tell people I'm an investigator, a lot of people think I'm following cheating husbands, wives. The job is a little more difficult then you would think," said Trevor, who asked that his last name not be used.

Trevor, who mainly works insurance fraud cases, said a private investigator's job is largely sitting in a van and trailing people with a video camera.

While some days are long and hard, Trevor said there are days, like when he trailed someone to Fairmont and Shuswap for a week, that makes it worth it being a private investigator.

The Bow Valley College private investigator certificate program, where Trevor took a few courses, is designed to give people a better idea of what a private investigator does.

Pat Methuen, director of the department for continuing education, said that the course at Bow Valley College aims to show people the difference between their perception of the job and the reality of it.

"It helps people realize the opportunities in the industry, but also educates them about the differences between what a PI really does and the kinds of things they might see on television," said Methuen.

The Bow Valley College certificate program is an 80-hour program and can be done in one semester from either September to December or January to June.

The main course in the program is introduction to private investigation, which Trevor said was a valuable class because of the experiences the teacher brought.

"That's where I got more of the knowledge from," said Trevor. "As much as being told this is what you're supposed to do, hearing scenarios of someone actually doing it justifies and explains it a lot better."

The other courses include: Interviewing skills and techniques, undercover and covert operations, surveillance techniques, report writing for investigators and starting a private investigative business.

Methuen said that getting a job out of the program depends on the students' expectations of what a PI does.

"If people are keen and have a realistic idea of what the job entails, there's no problem getting work."

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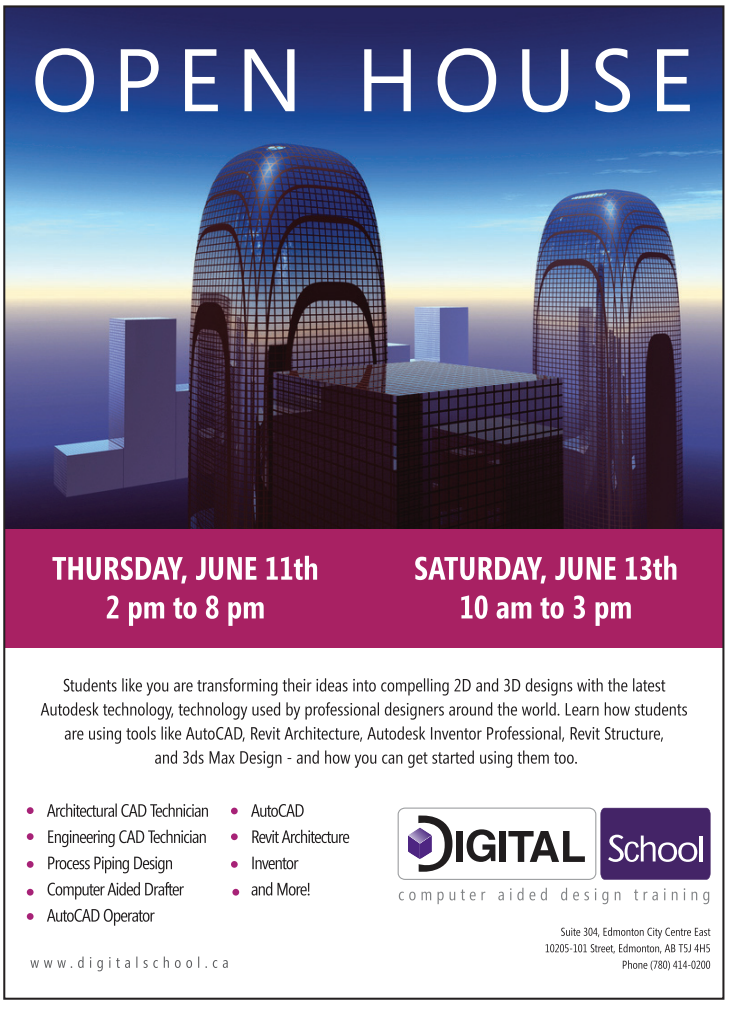

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Anti-aging skincare: A round-up

Wrinkle and sun-damage reducer options

JANINE FALCON
For Metro Canada

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Ditch the quick-fix idea, most skincare products take four to six weeks to work — so get started now!

An important thing to know about anti-aging skincare is that skin renewal takes an average of 28 days, more if you're 40-plus, and pigmentation can be particularly stubborn.

Ditch the quick-fix idea and allow four to six weeks for something new to work. Here are anti-wrinkle, anti-sun damage and eco-friendly options to consider.

Wrinkle Reducers

• Marcelle New-Age Anti-Wrinkle + Firming Cream stimulates collagen production and moisturizes with amino acids, shea butter, caffeine and soybean extract ($27 at Shoppers Drug Mart).

• Neutrogena Ageless Intensives Deep Wrinkle Eye Cream combats under-eye crepiness with super-hydrating hyaluronic acid and Retinol ($28 at drugstores).

• For sensitive skin, Vichy Liftactiv Retinol HA combines hyaluronic acid with Retinol and adenosine, a fast-acting molecule that has retinol-like properties of its own ($49 at drugstores).

• Olay Professional Pro-X Wrinkle Smoothing Cream offers the brand's most intense Pro-Retinol formula for results in 28 days ($55 at drugstores; also available as part of a three-step starter kit for $83).

• Neostrata Intense Daytime Wrinkle Repair SPF 15 targets deep creases with Matrixyl (a wrinkle-reducing pentapeptide) and Retinol ($68 at drugstores).

• AmorePacific, a luxury Korean botanically-based brand, packs its Contour Lift Extreme Creme with bamboo sap to hydrate, and olive, jojoba and green-tea seed oils as well as minerals and amino acids to nourish and firm ($200 at Holt Renfrew).

Sun-Spot Reducers

• Lancôme Génifique Youth Activator Serum stimulates the production of skin proteins we have in abundance in our youth but lose as we age, and promises brighter, more even skin ($92 at Lancôme counters).

• Clinique Even Better Skin Tone Corrector boosts cell turnover with glucosamine and salicylic acid, and fades and prevents hyperpigmentation with antioxidants and mushroom-derived extracts ($39.50 at Clinique counters).

• Dermalogica ChromaWhite TRx is an anti-dark spot regimen from cleansing to night cream that employs exfoliating lactic acid, skin brightening vitamin C, and pigment inhibiting niacinamide and Oligopeptide-34 (from $50, visit dermalogica.com for salons).

Eco-Friendly Options

• Burt's Bees Naturally Ageless Intensive Repairing Serum is a 100 per cent natural formula that fights fine lines and wrinkles with botanical oils and extracts, including pomegranate ($29.99 at Shoppers Drug Mart).

• Jouviance EcoRejuvenation Eye Serum reduces dark circles and wrinkles with caffeine-rich pro-collagen peptides and is free of silicones, artificial fragrance, parabens and colourants ($40 at drugstores).

• All-natural Glisodin Skin Nutrients Advanced Daily Formula supplements soften, smooth and brighten skin with a mix of nutrient-dense antioxidant ingredients, including superoxide dismutase (two-month supply, $95; glisodinskin.com for retailers).

SPF

• Anti-aging skincare increases sensitivity to UVA/UVB rays and related hyperpigmentation, so diligent sunscreen habits are crucial. Cliniderm Gentle Protective Lotion SPF 45 shields dry, sensitive, allergic or reactive skin with titanium dioxide and zinc oxide, and has a surprisingly light, fast-absorb texture ($29 at drugstores).

• Wrinkles or pigmentation — which do you treat? Whatever bothers you most. But note: too many anti-aging products at once, such as lactic acid cleanser plus salicylic-acid serum plus retinol cream, might work at first, but could soon cause irritation, dehydration, dryness and actually spell a-g-e-d.

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Bret Michaels injured at Tony Awards

Bret Michaels was slightly injured during an opening number at Sunday night's 63rd annual Tony Awards. During the musical number the reality star was knocked to the ground after running into a piece of scenery. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Idol signed

Kris Allen has hit another high note: The American Idol champ, 23, has signed a record deal. His debut album, licensed to Jive Records, will drop this fall.

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Energy and attitude

Producer Bob Rock helps Offspring mash metal, punk

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Despite his nickname, The Offspring's guitarist Kevin "Noodles" Wasserman says he's no riff-shredding headbanger.

Reached a couple days before the start of the band's tour to support last year's Rise and Fall, Rage and Grace, Wasserman said the band's connection to famed Metallica and Mötley Crüe producer (and Canadian) Bob Rock wasn't because they always hoped to work with the man who helped craft those epic guitar sounds.

In fact, Wasserman's introduction to the genre came by accident, via a cover song.

"None of us were into metal early on. I always loved Paranoid by Black Sabbath — that was one of the few (metal songs) I got into," he said. "But I always thought that it was a Dickies song, at least until I played the record for some friends and they said it was Black Sabbath."

Despite Wasserman's denials, the guitar intros to Hammerhead or A Lot Like Me sound less like those Southern California punk legends than Rock-produced Metallica. When pushed, he did say that the better he gets at guitar, the more he appreciates the fretwork of players like Van Halen, and AC/DC's three-chord assault — an influence that can be heard in much of The Offspring catalogue, which has long merged punk energy and attitude with metal's heavy riffs.

Offspring live

- The Offspring play the Stampede Corral on June 12.

"None of us are really metalheads, but we do appreciate bits and pieces of it," said Wasserman. "Metallica is a great band ... and the guitar playing on the Black Album is great, in terms of in your face shredding. (But) I like a good song first, and a good shred second — no excessive shredding."

Returning to the Dickies-Metallica dichotomy, The Offspring do focus their lyrical content more on So-Cal punk. Despite pushing their fourth decade on earth, the band members continues writing songs about — and aimed at — the youth audience. Asked what it is about the youngsters that so inspires the Offspring, Wasserman said it's because that's who their peers are.

"We've never had to get a real job, and for the last 14 years we've been able to tour the country, drink beer and have fun," he said. (A young audience) isn't something we think about in terms of targeting our songs, it's just who we are, and what we watch on TV. We grew up listening to that kind of music, and that feeling in music, so we keep coming back to it."

Metallica and Mötley Crüe producer Bob Rock helped The Offspring put together 2008's Rise and Fall, Rage and Grace.

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critics' corner

Neil Young: Heart of Gold

If you're a Neil Young fan, rock on! Otherwise, this rockumentary might not be your cup of tea. Director Jonathan Demme follows Mr. Young as he performs at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., as well as getting people's takes on the musician. Those cropping up on camera include Emmylou Harris, Anthony Crawford and Diana DeWitt. 7 PM on BRAVO

NCIS

Gibbs (Mark Harmon) and his team are forced reluctantly to put their trust in some very questionable persons in order to stop a criminal who is determined to steal important government secrets. Michael Weatherly, David McCallum, Pauley Perrette and Sean Murray also star in "Dagger." 9 PM on CICT KREM

Style by Jury

Lots of youngsters dream of running away to join the circus. In this new episode, you'll meet someone who did leave home as a teen to follow the big top. Now a single mom, she's found that the circus life has taken a toll on her appearance. Enter host Bruce Turner and his team of experts to help her look and feel beautiful again. 10:30 PM on W

Slumdog composer makes Retreat

MUSIC Composer and musician A.R. Rahman, who picked up two Oscars for Slumdog Millionaire, is working on his first score for an American film.

Rahman will compose the score for the comedy Couples Retreat. The movie stars Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Jon Favreau, Malin Akerman and Kristen Bell. It's based on a story idea of Vaughn's about four couples who embark on a journey to a tropical island resort.

Entourage adds three to guest list

CASTING The Hollywood-centric HBO comedy Entourage has signed Matt Letscher, William Fichtner and Scott Caan for multi-episode guest roles on the series' upcoming sixth season. REUTERS

Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
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More Saw on the way
Tobin Bell, Saw's now deceased Jigsaw, has confirmed that the trap-happy franchise will continue until at least part eight, as long as the audience remains faithful. "I look forward to filling out the other pieces of the puzzle," he says on horror site Bloody Disgusting. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Back in Black

Lautner bites into New Moon role

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Metro World News

For a while, there were rumours the Twilight character of Jacob Black would be recast for New Moon, but actor Taylor Lautner is back in the role. It's a juicier one this time, with more for the actor to get his teeth into. Not only does his relationship with Bella — played by Kristen Stewart — develop, but Lautner also went through an impressive physical transformation.

Q How's it back being on set?

A It's good. I'm really excited to be back with the whole team again and our new director, Chris Weitz. It's been a lot of fun so far and the movie's looking great, so I couldn't ask for more.

Q And you have a huge role this time.

A It's a little bit bigger, yeah! It's exciting because I'm excited to bring alive the new Jacob Black for the fans.

Q You look like an '80s rock star with your long hair.

A Sometimes I look in the mirror and I don't recognize myself. It's an actual wig. It's glued to my head in the front and it gets itchy sometimes. You can see the lace if you look close, but it doesn't come across on camera. It gives me a totally different look. I don't even look like myself.

Q The biggest change is in your body ... you gained 30 pounds of muscle for this role.

A I did, yeah. When I was filming Twilight, I knew where my character was going in the rest of the series, so obviously I knew I had some work ahead of me! So as soon as I stopped filming Twilight, I got back home, hit the gym and worked very, very hard, and here I am filming New Moon, 30 pounds heavier.

Q And doing your own stunts.

A So far. Let's not jinx it, but basically you get an evaluation at the beginning of filming. They took me to a gymnasium to see what I could do. They put me on some dirt bikes to see how well I can do. I think they're just figuring out how much they're actually going to allow me to do. So far, I've been able to do everything, so I'm hoping that doesn't change too much cause the stunts are a lot of fun.

Q Let's get to your character, Jacob. He is actually in love with Bella...

A Jacob's love for Bella is really intense. He will always be there for Bella, no matter what. Even if she's with another guy … or a vampire!

Q How did you prepare for your role?

A I did a lot of study for the first film. Before I even started filming Twilight, I studied up on all of the Quileute tribes and legends and myths and everything about them. And when we got up to Portland, Ore., to film, I was able to meet with about 10 Quileute tribal members. I got to talk to them and what I really learned is that they're not much different than me, and that was very unexpected.

Q Do you ever discuss Jacob with (Twilight series author) Stephenie Meyer?

A It's really cool because she comes up here every once in a while for her favorite scenes. At the beginning of filming, she gives a list of her favorite scenes that she wants to be up here for. You got the best person in the world to ask for advice. So if you have a question, you can just walk on over and ask her.

Q What's your most exciting scene in New Moon?

A It's so hard to choose. Like I said, I really enjoy the stunts so I had a lot of fun doing the dirt bike sequences. I got to hop on the bike and go really fast and come to a skidding stop. It's really cool. And I also like a lot of the more serious scenes, the pivotal scenes in the movie, like Jacob and Bella's breakup scene, which is the first time Bella sees Jacob after he has transformed into a wolf. And it's really emotional. I felt bad for Jacob just reading the books, but now that I'm actually living this character, I feel so bad for the guy! It's really sad.

Taylor Lautner plays Jacob Black in Twilight sequel New Moon, currently in production.

More New Moon

- For more on Metro's interview with Taylor Lautner, visit metronews.ca/entertainment
- Pick up tomorrow's issue of Metro for an interview with New Moon director Chris Weitz.

Heroes star Oka lands film deal

PROJECT DreamWorks has picked up The Defenders, a family adventure project conceived by Heroes actor Masi Oka.

D.J. Caruso is in negotiations to direct, and Gary Whitta is on board to write the script. to be produced by Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci.

The story centres on a group of mostly teenagers from around the world who are involved in a multiplayer video game, each unaware of who the others are behind the cover of their consoles and avatars. They are forced to come together for a real adventure, becoming inadvertent heroes in the process.

DreamWorks will develop a video game as well as the feature. **REUTERS**

Gyllenhaal, Hathaway in Love

FILM Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway, who played a doomed husband and wife in Brokeback Mountain, are in negotiations to reunite for Love and Other Drugs.

Ed Zwick (Defiance) is directing the Fox 2000/New Regency project (formerly titled Pharma), which Charles Randolph (The Interpreter) adapted from Jamie Reidy's nonfiction book Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman.

Reidy was a drug rep for Pfizer in the late 1990s whose memoir shone a light on the practices of the pharmaceutical industry. Gyllenhaal will play the salesman, who begins a relationship with a woman who has Parkinson's disease (Hathaway) while on one of his sales calls. Their love story plays out in the political and social context of the time.

Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway, who co-starred in Brokeback Mountain, will reunite for Love and Other Drugs.

Hathaway has Alice in Wonderland moving toward a March release and Get Smart 2 scheduled to film in May, with co-star Steve Carell working on the script. **REUTERS**

Neil's new roles

Fresh from his stint as host of The Tonys, Neil Patrick Harris nabbed starring roles in two upcoming flicks. He will take a lead role in Josh Shelov's The Best And The Brightest and in Beastly, the modern-day update of Beauty and The Beast. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay lashes out at celebrity doctor

SMACKDOWN Lindsay Lohan has blasted a celebrity doctor for claiming she is not sober, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Dr. Drew Pinsky — who hosts the TV show Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew — claimed in an interview Lohan will not resolve her personal issues until she hurts herself, prompting the actress to question his ethics.

She wrote on Twitter: "I thought REAL doctors talked to patients in offices behind closed doors. Am I wrong? Hmmmmm. I think NOT. Yay! (sic)"

Pinsky hinted Lohan — who has completed three stints in rehab and pleaded guilty to cocaine use and no contest to driving under the influence in 2007 — is still abusing substances, adding she has yet to "embrace" cleaning up her life.

He told Parade magazine: "I'm convinced that she'll get sober one day. But I'm afraid that between now and then, she may get a nearly mortal wound of some type.

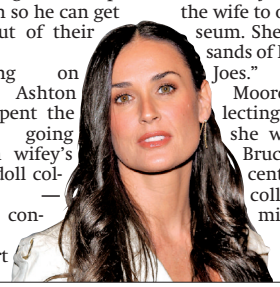
"I'm really convinced that something horrible is going to have to happen to her before she really gets over it and embraces sobriety."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Demi's creepy dolls

SECRET OBSESSION Ashton Kutcher is scared of his wife Demi Moore's doll collection, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star says the actress' hoard of 3,000 life-like figurines disturbs him and he is begging her to open a museum so he can get them out of their home.



Writing on Twitter, Ashton said: "Spent the day going through wifey's insane doll collection — 3,000 contemporary art dolls all staring at you. I'm gonna have nightmares.

He then added some pictures of the creepy collection and put captions underneath the photos, with one saying: "Hello Ashton, I'm watching you."

"I'm trying to convince the wife to open a doll museum. She also has thousands of Barbies and G.I. Joes."

Moore started collecting them when she was married to Bruce Willis and recently insured the collection for $2 million US.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Say no to breast implants: Denise

YOUTHFUL REGRETS After having three surgeries since the age of 19 to enhance her breasts, Denise Richards can safely say she doesn't recommend it.

"I was 19, and my roommate had the best boobs ever, and she had just had hers done," Richards told Howard Stern on his satellite radio show. "I was as flat as a board, and I thought, 'Whoa, you can just buy them,' and stupidly had them done."

She followed that with another enlargement and then a reduction. "I was young and should have researched better. You know, it was a big mistake. Young girls, don't do it!"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Recession hits Gosselins?

REAL ESTATE WOES Are Jon and Kate Gosselin victims of the nation's poor housing market? According to records, their Cape Cod-style home in Elizabethtown, Pa., has been on the market for 89 days — and counting — people.com reports.

The price for the five-bedroom 2½-bath house has stayed constant at $325,000 US. (They paid $280,000 for it in 2006.)

Though the home is in a family-friendly area, it wasn't always a peaceful place for the family of 10: Former neighbours say that fans often drove by the Gosselins' house to gawk.

"Fans were dangerous, fans were always coming right up to their house," says Marilyn Soutner, 49, who lived next door to the Gosselin home. "I'd stand outside with my phone staring at the door like I was calling the police ... It was making it a very, very dangerous neighbourhood. You don't know who (was) in those cars."

Then one day, "Someone flattened the tires to their black van, and that night they were gone," adds Soutner.

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Last fall, the Gosselins moved into a $1.1-million, 6,000-square-foot home in Wernersville, Pa. The 24-acre property is fenced in and has a metal gate at the end of the driveway, a half-mile from the front door. Still, that hasn't stopped paparazzi from hanging out down the road waiting for a glimpse of the family.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Brangie to marry?

FINALLY It looks like all the rumours of trouble between Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have convinced the pair to finally tie the knot, according to the Daily Mirror.

"Usually it's Brad who wants to talk marriage. But this time it was Angie," a source tells the newspaper. "An aide sent them all the press clippings about their 'relationship problems' and Angelina said it was probably best if they married to put an end to the stories. Brad's face lit up — he was thrilled."

According to sources, the wedding could take place by the end of the summer, once their current filming obligations are taken care of.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Madonna tries to adopt again?

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED Since Madonna's chances of adopting another child from Malawi aren't looking good, the singer has reportedly set her sights on Nigeria instead.

"She's looking at adoption centres in Nigeria and has got another female friend to make an initial approach to test the waters," a source tells the News of the World.

The source adds Madonna suspects dating 22-year-old Jesus Luz may have had something to do with her bid failing. "She blamed the fact that her relationship with Jesus made her look like she was going through some mid-life crisis."

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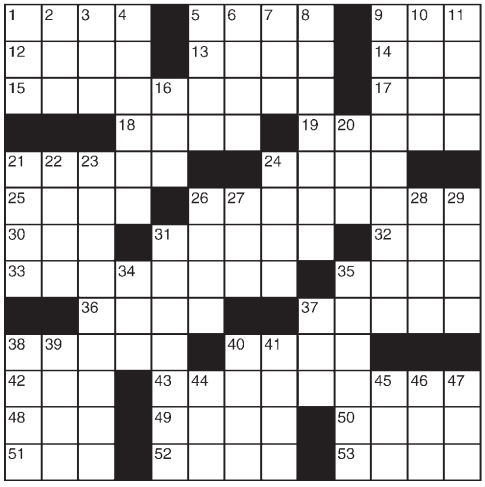

Crossword across

1 Out of the storm
5 "Little Women" woman
9 Silent
12 Lion's share
13 Turkish title
14 "SNL" alum Gasteyer
15 Janitor's gadget
17 Feminine side
18 Charged bits
19 Impressively high
21 "Saturday Night Fever" venue
24 Repast
25 Some deer
26 Online talk site
30 $ dispenser
31 Actress Jessica et al.
32 Path
33 Post-WW II birthrate increase
35 Nuisance
36 After all?
37 Country star Brooks
38 Memorable mission
40 "— she blows!"
42 Crib
43 truTV's "Open Court" anchor
48 Fond du —, Wis.
49 Lab vessel
50 Met melody
51 Before
52 Hibernia
53 Shrill bark

Crossword down

1 Pump up the volume
2 Dobbs of CNN
3 Curvy character
4 Morals
5 Farm building
6 Hollywood clashers
7 Yet, in verse
8 Villages
9 Carrier of 1620
10 One
11 Much more than one
16 Greet the villain
20 Rowing need
21 Colourless
22 Teeny bit
23 Modicum
24 Sir counterpart
26 Coagulate
27 Showtime rival
28 Tobacco oven
29 Legend
31 Exculpate
34 Sweet potato
35 Bet the previous winnings
37 Chatter away
38 Competent
39 Storyteller
40 Despot
41 Robust
44 Grandson, maybe
45 Raw rock
46 Lubricant
47 Chart

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

7				2		3		
1					4	7		6
			5			8		
		1	6		3	9		2
2		8	4		7	1		
		4			5			
8		5	3					1
		6		9				7

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

8	2	6	4	7	3	9	5	1
7	1	5	8	6	9	4	3	2
9	4	3	2	1	5	6	7	8
5	3	2	9	8	6	7	1	4
4	8	7	5	2	1	3	6	9
1	6	9	3	4	7	2	8	5
6	5	8	7	9	2	1	4	3
2	7	4	1	3	8	5	9	6
3	9	1	6	5	4	8	2	7

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Oriental Lamb Medallions

INGREDIENTS:
1/2 in. (1 cm) piece fresh ginger
1/4 lb (125 g) broccoli florets
1/4 lb (125 g) leeks
1 bunch of watercress
1/4 lb (125 g) snow peas
1/4 lb (125 g) baby corn
1 lb (450g) lamb fillet, or 8 noisettes of lamb
1–2 (15–25 ml) tbsp olive oil
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 ml) peanut oil
3 tbsp (45 ml) lamb or chicken stock
1–2 tbsp (15–25 ml) light soy sauce

METHOD:
1. Peel and chop ginger and set aside. Rinse vegetables. Cut broccoli into slices and leek into matchstick-thin strips. Chop watercress, top and tail snow peas, leave baby corn whole. Set all aside.
2. If using lamb fillet, cut into eight 1 in. (2.5 cm) thick medallions. Brush medallions, or noisettes, with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
3. Warm frying pan over moderate heat, add lamb and dry-fry 2 minutes, or until browned underneath. Turn and fry for 3–4 minutes until cooked but slightly pink in the centre. Cover pan and keep warm.
4. Meanwhile, heat peanut oil in wok or large frying pan. Add ginger and vegetables and stir-fry 3–4 minutes, until just tender.
5. Add stock and soy sauce to vegetables and season to taste, then cover and cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.
6. Lay two lamb medallions on each plate and spoon vegetables over and alongside.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Oh no, not another upheaval. What happens next may seem like bad news but you will see that this particular cloud has a magnificent silver lining.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will find yourself at odds with the status quo today and that's no bad thing. Question the accepted wisdom. You're making change happen.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun in your sign won't let you keep a low profile, so quit trying to hide. Stand up where you can be seen and speak out about what you believe.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you need a break — and you do — start making plans now. There's cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs rest and relaxation.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't worry if others think you are being unsociable. There are times when you want nothing more than to be left alone with your thoughts.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
With Mercury, your ruler and planet of communication, strong in your chart today you will find it easy to put your thoughts into words.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone seems determined to poke their nose into your affairs — and you must be just as determined not to let them know what you are up to.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Any doubts you may have about a creative activity of some kind will be gone by the end of the day. Anything is possible for you now.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you have been hitting the town with your friends these past few days, you should now spend some quality time with your nearest and dearest.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Obviously you need to do something to remind those around you that you are not the sort who can be taken for granted. Give it some thought.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Today's Mercury-Uranus link-up will help you dream up new ways to make money but Neptune, planet of illusion, is advising caution. Get advice first.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you let your intuition guide you today you will have a lot of fun and make some great new friends as well.

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